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1. THE GOL DELEGATION TO THE 45TH MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT MEETING WILL BE HEADED BY MINISTER MARCEL MART AND INCLUDE: MR. RENE LOGELIN, FIRST COUNSELOR OF GVT.; MR. CAMILLE KASEL, COUNSELOR (ROAD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT); MR. FRANCOIS BLEY, CHIEF INSPECTOR (ROAD TRAFFIC).

2.OTHER KEY GOL TRANSPORT MINISTRY OFFICIALS RANKING AFTER MR. LOGELIN (BUT WHO ARE NOT ATTENDING ATHENS MEETING) ARE: COMMISSIONER (FOR CIVIL AVIATION) PIERRE HAMER; COMMISSIONER (FOR RAILROADS) RAUL EICHHORN.

3. THE GOL DELEGATION HAS NO SPECIAL PROPOSALS FOR THE MEETING OR COMMENTS ON THE ATHENS AGENDA.

4. DETAILS ON LUXEMBOURG TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS ARE CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET PRESENTATION BY THE MINISTRY WHICH IS BEING SENT TO DOT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.
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IN BRIEF, HOWEVER, THE LARGEST SINGLE BUDGET ITEM IS A SUBSIDY TO THE RAILROAD SYSTEM WHICH HAS A PERENNIAL MASSIVE DEFICIT. ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING A SLOW AND MODEST START ON LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS (AUTOROUTES), IS THE NEXT PRIORITY (BUT COSTING ONLY 10 PERCENT OF THE RAILROAD TOTAL). CIVIL AVIATION COMES THIRD - LUXEMBOURG HAS ONE AIRPORT, WHICH IS USED

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BY A VARIETY OF COMPANIES FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES.
THE PRINCIPAL USERS ARE: (1) ICELANDIC AIRLINES (AND
SISTER COMPANY AIR BAHAMA), WHICH REPRESENTS OVER HALF
THE PASSENGER TRAFFIC AT LUXEMBOURG'S FINDEL AIRPORT,
WITH FLIGHTS TO NEW YORK AND CHICAGO VIA REYKJAVIK, AND
(2) THE NATIONAL CARRIER LUXAIR WITH REGULAR FLIGHTS
NOTABLY TO FRANKFURT, PARIS AND LONDON AND CHARTER
TOURIST LOCATIONS SUCH AS SPAIN TUNISIA AND GREECE.
A NATIONAL CARGO AIRLINE, CARGOLUX, IS ANOTHER MAJOR
USER. LASTLY, RIVER NAVIGATION CONCERNS THE STRETCH
OF THE MOSELLE RIVER ALONG THE GERMAN BORDER WHICH IS
CANALIZED AND PERMITS BLUK BARGE TRAFFIC VIA THE MOSELLE
AND THE RHINE. GINN

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